

NORTHERN STAR AGREES TO ACQUIRE SOUTH KALGOORLIE OPERATIONS FROM WESTGOLD

Purchase will help underpin strategy to organically grow production to 300,000ozpa at Northern Star's Kalgoorlie operations

Northern Star Resources (ASX: NST) is pleased to advise that it has agreed to acquire Westgold Resources' (ASX: WGX) South Kalgoorlie Operations for a total consideration of A\$80 million.

The acquisition comprises the project's operating processing facility, which has an annual throughput capacity of 1.2 million tonnes, a JORC Resource of 4Moz, including 250,000oz in Reserves, and 800sqkm of prospective gold tenure¹.

South Kalgoorlie Operations, which is located 50km from Northern Star's Kundana operations (see Figure 1), is currently producing at the rate of 30,000-40,000ozpa. The plant is also toll-treating ore for third parties.

Under the agreement, Northern Star will pay Westgold A\$80 million, comprising 9.5 million Northern Star shares at a ten-day VWAP of \$6.30 per share, representing a total of A\$60 million in NST shares and A\$20 million in cash.

Northern Star Executive Chairman Bill Beament said the acquisition would be an economical means of ensuring the Company met its 300,000ozpa production target from organic sources at its Kalgoorlie Operations.

The transaction would also provide an outstanding example of how gold companies can work together to rationalize their operations, generate economies of scale and ultimately increase returns for both groups of shareholders.

"Our highly successful exploration strategy in Kalgoorlie has generated huge growth in our inventory and paved the way for us to grow production there to 300,000ozpa," Mr Beament said.

"To capitalise on this success, we were considering the option of expanding our Kanowna Belle facility.

"However, the South Kalgoorlie Operations purchase will enable us to achieve our organic growth target in a more timely and economical fashion and at the same time provide us with significant exploration potential, including a Resource inventory.

"The 1.2Mtpa South Kalgoorlie processing facility is one of the best-run facilities in the district and is well within trucking distance of our Kundana Operations."

Settlement of the transaction is due for completion on 01 April 2018.

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Executive Chairman

Mr Chris Rowe
Non-Executive Director

Mr Peter O'Connor
Non-Executive Director

Mr John Fitzgerald
Non-Executive Director

Ms Shirley In'tVeld
Non-Executive Director

Mr David Flanagan
Non-Executive Director

Issued Capital

Shares 603.2 million
Options 0.8 million
Performance Rights 10 million

Current Share Price A\$6.63

Market Capitalisation
A\$4 billion

Cash, Bullion & Investments
31 Dec 2017 - A\$433.1 million

Projects

Paulsens Mine
Kanowna Belle Mine
Kundana Mine
Kundana Mines (51% of EKJV)
Jundee Mine
Central Tanami (25% of JV)
Western Tanami

Listed Investments

ASX: VXR, DAU, RND, TBR, ALY, EAR
TSX-V: SGI

¹ The information is extracted from the report entitled '2017 Annual Update of Mineral Resources & Ore Reserves' created on 4 September 2017 and is available to view on Westgold Resources Limited's website (www.westgold.com.au) and the ASX (www.asx.com.au). Northern Star confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Northern Star confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

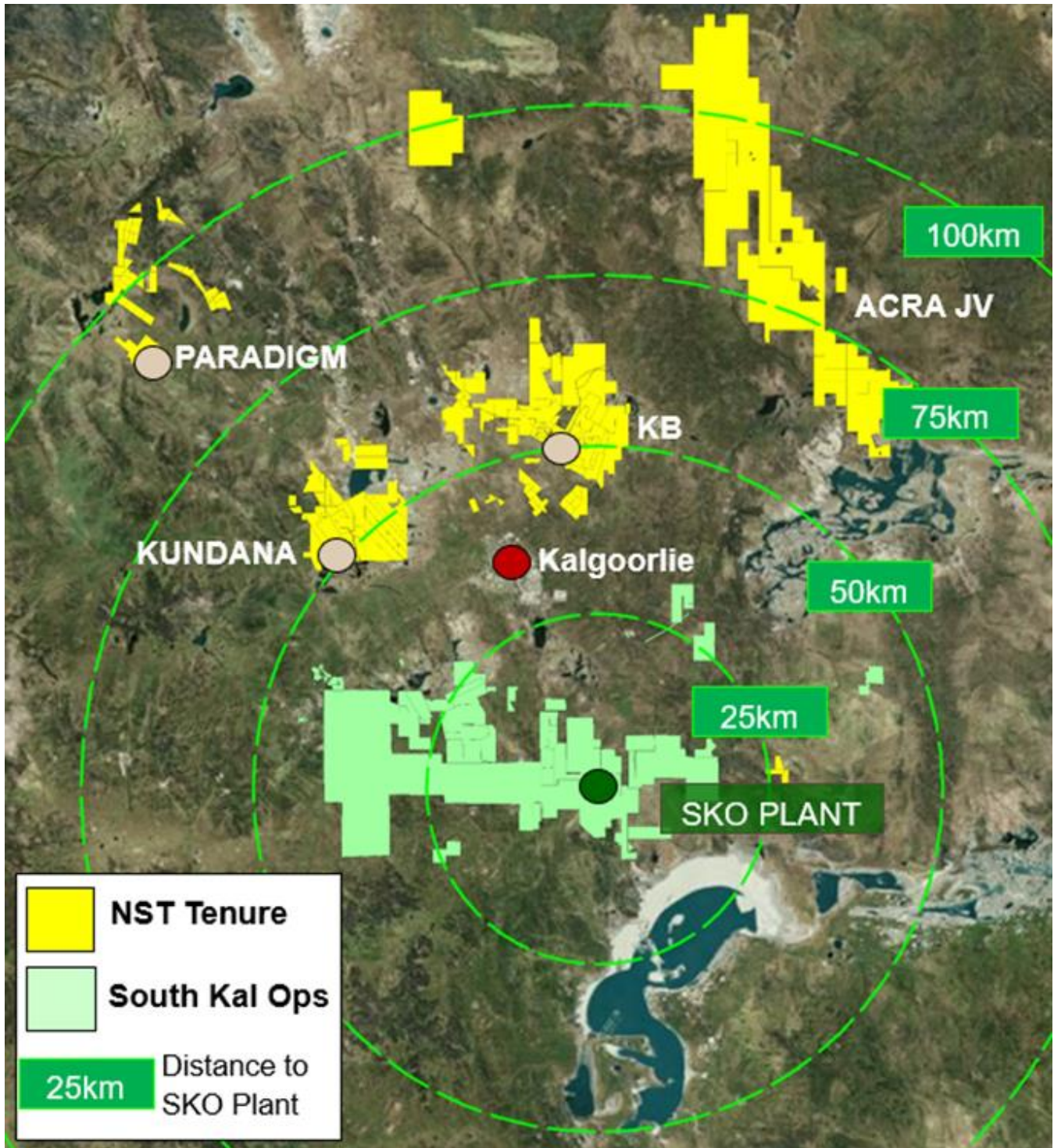


Figure 1 – Kalgoorlie Operations Location Plan including 100% NST Kundana, EKJV and newly acquired South Kalgoorlie Operations

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